

History Graduate Programme Newsletter

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History to Expand (a little and at last!)

In recent days the Department has received permission to advertise two tenure track positions, the second and third received by the Department since 1976. These positions come in partial replacement for the ten or twelve lost by natural attrition since the founding of the University, and in view of several impending retirements.

Wang Yi-Hua to Study at Concordia

Mr. Wang Yi-Hua of the Department of History at Peking University is now expected to begin his graduate studies with us this January. Mr. Wang will prepare for registration in the doctoral programme in September, 1988. He is the first citizen of the People's Republic of China to join the History Graduate Programme, and hopes to become one of China's chief authorities on Canada and Canadian History. Watch this space!

MA Restructuring on Target for 1988/9

Contrary to earlier indications, the substantial changes to the MA Programme voted in by the Department last April WILL come into effect for the 1988-89 academic year. Chief amongst these changes is the addition of a Classical History field at the MA level; the abolition of all Research Seminars; and their replacement by a single, common seminar to be taken by all students. This course will be identified as History 601, Research Methods, and will be taken in conjunction with the Research Tutorial in each student's area of interest. Full details will of course be published in the forthcoming Graduate Calendar.

Micheline Lessard, Master of Arts

congratulations to Micheline Lessard, the first Concordia History student to defend a formal MA thesis since that option was re-instituted into our Graduate Programme. Micheline's thesis, 'Resistance and Collaboration: Pham Quynh and the Development of the Vietnamese national Language' was examined on October 29th by Profs. John Hill (her supervisor), Mary Vipond and Frank Chalk. She is currently enrolled in the PhD programme at Cornell, supported by an FCAR Fellowship from the Quebec Government.

Spring Graduation Deadline:

Applications for Spring Graduation for both MA and PhD candidates must be filed with the Graduate Studies Office by January 15th, 1988. Those who miss this deadline will not receive their degrees this spring. Don't wait!

Personalia:

Congratulations to Joan Sherwood, whose book, 'Poverty in the Eighteenth Century: Women and Children of the Inclusa' has been accepted for publication by the University of Toronto Press. Professor Sherwood's next project will be a study of Medical Attitudes and Treatment of the Newborn in the Early Nineteenth Century. She has received a research grant from the Hannah Foundation for the History of Medicine to undertake that project.

Frank Chalk and Kurt Jonassohn of the Department of Sociology have contributed chapters to two recent books: 'Conceptualizations of Genocide and Ethnocide' in R. Serbyn and B. Krawchenko, eds., Famine in the Ukraine, 1932-1933 (University of Alberta Press and Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies, 1986); and 'A Typology of Genocide and Some Implications for the Human Rights Agenda' in Isidor Walliman and Michael Dobkowski, eds., (Greenwood Press, Westport, Connecticut, 1987).

Ronald Rudin read a paper entitled 'In Whose Interest: the First Years of the First Caisee Populaire' at the Canadian Historical Ass'n meeting last June. It will appear in the Selected Papers of the conference early in the coming year. Robert Tittler organized a panel on 'Deference and Obedience in Early Modern England' for the Conference on British Studies Meeting in Chicago, 23-24 October. His own contribution was a paper entitled 'Oligarchy, Deference and the Built Environment in the English Urban Community, 1500-1640'.

Lectures and Seminars:

This year's Beattie Lectures at McGill will be given by the eminent British historian and former Master of Balliol College, Oxford, Christopher Hill. Professor Hill will speak on 'John Milton and the English Revolution of the 1640s' on November 26th in Leacock Rm. 26 at noon, and on 'Bunyan and his World' at 6PM the same evening in the Stewart Biology Bldg, Rm. SI-4 (main floor). It may be wise to come early.

Our own Faculty Colloquia Series gets underway on Thursday, November 19th at 4 PM when Robert Tittler discusses his work on 'Popular Culture, Theatre and the Built Environment; the Town Hall as Threshold'. This will be held in the Norris Building Seminar room. Carolyn Fick and Stephen Scheinberg will offer faculty colloquia in the second semester.